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METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKER AND CHEMICAL SUPPLIER FOR METHAMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES IN CALIFORNIA, OREGON, AND WASHINGTON SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS IN CUSTODY

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - March 16, 2006

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Jose Carrillo-Carrillo was sentenced today in United States District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Barry T. Moskowitz to serve 14 years in prison, followed by 5 years of supervised release. Carrillo pled guilty in October 2005 to offenses set out in two indictments charging him with the manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Sherri Walker Hobson, who prosecuted the case, in the first case (04CR2899BTM), Carrillo pled guilty to conspiracy to aid and abet the manufacturing of methamphetamine and conspiracy to distribute and possess listed chemicals, such as iodine and hypophosphorous acid, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that the listed chemicals would be used to manufacture methamphetamine. In the second case (04CR2890BTM), Carrillo pled guilty to conspiracy to import from Mexico into the United States approximately 17.81 pounds of methamphetamine.

In connection with his guilty plea to the first case, Carrillo also admitted that he was the leader and organizer of an organization that smuggled, transported, and distributed precursor chemicals used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine, such as iodine and hypophosphorous acid, from Mexico through the Southern California Ports of Entry, for distribution to methamphetamine lab operators throughout California, Oregon, and Washington. As part of the conspiracy, Carrillo admitted that he arranged with the source of supply in Mexico to smuggle listed chemicals into the United States and coordinated directly with the methamphetamine lab operators. Carrillo also acknowledged that he knew that iodine and hypophosphorous acid were key chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine and admitted that he aided and abetted in the manufacturing of methamphetamine. As a further part of his plea, Carrillo admitted to smuggling over one thousand pounds of iodine and hundreds of gallons of hypophosphorous acid, aiding in the manufacturing of hundreds of pounds of methamphetamine.

As to the second case, Carrillo admitted that he conspired with others to import approximately 17.81 pounds of methamphetamine through the Southern California Ports of Entry from Mexico. The methamphetamine was found at his residence and seized by federal authorities following the execution of a search warrant.

DEFENDANT

Jose Carrillo-Carrillo

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Case No. 04CR2889-BTM – One Count: Conspiracy to aid and abet the manufacturing of methamphetamine, to distribute and possess listed chemicals, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that the chemicals would be used to manufacture a controlled substance; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 846, 841 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2. Minimum mandatory: 10 years in custody; Maximum Penalty: Life in custody, up to \$1,000,000 fine, at least five years of supervised release.

Case No.: 04 CR 2890-BTM – One Count: Conspiracy to import methamphetamine; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952, 960, and 963. Minimum mandatory: 10 years in custody; Maximum Penalty: Life in custody, up to \$1,000,000 fine, at least five years of supervised release.

AGENCIES: Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, California Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration, San Diego County Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, Costa Mesa Police Department, Anaheim Police Department, Ontario Police Department, Torrance Police Department